

<u>PATENT</u>



Docket No.: P-0622

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Raymond ALEJANDRO

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For: ELECTROCHEMICAL BATTERY, ELECTRODE THEREFOR AND

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 21, 2006 Applicants elects

Group I (claims 1-3 and 34-49), with traverse, for further prosecution on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the

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Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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